



# The Guide: Autumn

## South Rim Information and Maps

FIND YOUR

PARK

Begin your Adventure

### 1–2 hours

- *Walk* five minutes from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to Mather Point to see Grand Canyon. Continue along the Rim Trail as time allows.
- *Ride* the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus to Grand Canyon viewpoints.
- *Explore* exhibits at Grand Canyon Visitor Center and see the park movie, *A Journey of Wonder*.

### 2–4 hours

- *Attend* a park ranger program to learn about Grand Canyon.
- *Walk* 2.4 miles (3.9 km) from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to South Kaibab Trailhead and ride the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus back.
- *Hike* into Grand Canyon along Bright Angel Trail to the Lower Tunnel to get a taste of the canyon's immensity.
- *Bicycle* the Greenway Trail to feel the wind on your face.

### All Day

- *Drive* the 25-mile (40 km) Desert View Drive. Stop at viewpoints, learn about ancestral Puebloan people at Tusayan Museum, and climb to the top of the historic Desert View Watchtower.
- *Pick up* a Junior Ranger booklet from any visitor center. Complete booklet activities and attend a park ranger program to earn a free badge.
- *Hike* the Rim Trail 7.8 miles (12.6 km) from the Village to viewpoints and Hermits Rest; return on the Hermits Rest Route (red) shuttle bus.

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### Emergencies Dial 911

**North Country Grand Canyon Clinic**  
Sept 8 to Oct 14, 8 am–6 pm, daily;  
Oct 15 to Nov 30, 8 am–5 pm, Monday to  
Friday, 928-638-2551





**Welcome to Grand Canyon National Park!**

As you explore the park, I hope you find something that catches

your eye, inspires wonder, provokes a question, makes a lasting impression, or leaves you wanting more. This remarkable canyon inspired earlier visitors to protect it in perpetuity and today creates untold memories for millions of visitors each year.

A visit to Grand Canyon can begin a lifetime of experiences exploring your national park system or culminate a life-long journey. In 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday. As we engage the next generation of park stewards, we invite you to **Find Your Park.**

You found Grand Canyon, but did you know the Grand Canyon state boasts 22 other national park sites? Each of these places shares a unique story, preserves a part of our collective history, or offers an opportunity to view unparalleled beauty.

As you **Find Your Park** and discover what these places mean to you, whether it is at Grand Canyon National Park, Navajo National Monument, Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, or the city park back home, take the time to share what makes that piece of public land so special. Share a story of your experiences and invite others to find their park and create their own stories. The National Park Service Centennial is the perfect opportunity for all of us to create a new relationship or rekindle an old one with the wonders of national parks and public lands. So get going! Explore Grand Canyon, explore Arizona, explore the country. With 407 national park units in all 50 states get out there and **Find Your Park!**

Thank you,

*David V. Ueberuaga*

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**Grand Canyon National Park**

Located in northern Arizona, the park encompasses 277 miles (446 km) of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands. One of the most spectacular examples of erosion anywhere in the world, Grand Canyon offers visitors incomparable vistas. Grand Canyon National Park is a World Heritage Site.

*The Guide* is published by Grand Canyon National Park and is supported by your fees. It is available in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. An *Accessibility Guide* is also available.

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# Special Opportunities

**HawkWatch International**

September 8 to November 5, 10 am–4 pm  
Yaki Point

Join representatives from HawkWatch International as they record the fall hawk migration. Come help count birds or learn to identify migratory hawks, falcons, and eagles. To join the observers, take the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus to Yaki Point and walk a short distance to the left (southwest),-- along the rim.

**Grand Canyon Music Festival**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Season  
September 11 and 12, 7: 30 pm  
Shrine of the Ages

Featuring music of Bach, Haydn, and Arensky  
Tickets and information:  
grandcanyonmusicfest.org

**Earth Science Week and National Fossil Day**

October 11–17

**Special Evening Program with Geologist Wayne Ranney**

**October 10, 7:30 pm**  
**Shrine of the Ages**

Grand Canyon is an ideal place to celebrate Earth Science Week. A superlative geologic classroom, the park boasts one of the most scenic landscapes on Earth. Check visitor centers for special earth science and fossil-themed programs throughout the week.

**The Sun and Moon**

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
September 1	6:00 am	6:58 pm
September 15	6:10 am	6:37 pm
October 1	6:23 am	6:14 pm
October 15	6:34 am	5:54 pm
November 1	6:50 am	5:34 pm
November 15	7:04 am	5:22 pm
December 1	7:19 am	5:15 pm

**Full Moon Date Rise Time**

September 27	6:14 pm
October 27	6:11 pm
November 25	5:35 pm

**Experience North Rim**

Open mid-May through the end of October, the North Rim is a four-hour, 215-mile (346 km) drive from Grand Canyon Village. Accommodations fill in advance; reservations strongly recommended.

**Grand Canyon Lodge**

877-386-4383 or foreverresorts.com

**North Rim Campground**

877-444-6777 or recreation.gov



**Be a Part of Something Grand**

*You can make a difference at Grand Canyon National Park!*

With your help, the Grand Canyon Association (GCA) supports an impressive variety of projects and programs that ensure all visitors enjoy the awe-inspiring wonder of Grand Canyon.

As the park's official nonprofit partner, GCA cooperates with the National Park Service to operate Park Stores in seven locations. GCA Park Store purchases help fund new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, art programs, Junior Ranger and education programs, and historic building preservation.

**Explore Grand Canyon's Wonders with Grand Canyon Field Institute**

Learn about geology, archaeology, photography, yoga, and more, during fun and informative education classes. Activities include rim walks, backpacks, and river trips. Call 866-471-4435 or visit grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute

**Take Grand Canyon Home with You**

Join GCA today. Members receive exclusive benefits and discounts. For information, visit a GCA Park Store, call toll-free 800-858-2808, or visit grandcanyon.org.

**Discover the Canyon With Your Phone**

Enjoy two-minute park ranger talks about the park's natural and cultural history at 30 locations. Look for cell phone tour signs, dial 928-225-2907, and enter the stop number. Hosted by the Grand Canyon Association.

**Explore Virtual Caches**

Discover EarthCaches™ specifically tailored to geology, educational experiences, modern technology, and outdoor adventures. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center or visit nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/virtual-caching.htm to get EarthCache™ information to start your adventure. You will need your own GPS device to participate.

**7th Annual Celebration of Art**

The Grand Canyon Association invites you to enjoy this unique opportunity to see and purchase works of art from some of the best landscape painters in the country. Proceeds support the goal of creating a permanent art venue at the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. grandcanyon.org/7th-annual-grand-canyon-celebration-art

**September 12–18, Multiple Locations**

Plein Air at Grand Canyon—look for artists painting along South Rim and North Rim. Check Grand Canyon Association's Facebook page for artist locations.

**September 18, 7:30 pm, Shrine of the Ages**

Mark Klett, photographer, will give a presentation and sign books.

**September 19, 9 am–1 pm, Multiple Locations**

Quick draw event and auction—artists paint between Verkamp's Visitor Center and Kolb Studio, then auction paintings at the Bright Angel Trailhead.

**September 20, noon to 2 pm, Kolb Studio**

Exhibit grand opening and art sale.

**September 20 to January 18, 2016, Kolb Studio**

Art exhibit and sale.



**Earn Your Junior Ranger Badge**

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from any visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand Canyon by completing four activities and attending a park ranger program. Turn in the completed booklet at any visitor center to earn a badge and certificate. Special patches are available for purchase at Grand Canyon Association Park Stores.

Find Junior Ranger programs at the North Rim (May to October), Indian Garden, Phantom Ranch, and more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. The Junior Ranger program is supported by the Grand Canyon Association.



# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near the Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Parking is limited; park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle bus to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Outdoor programs may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather. Times are mountain standard, which is the same as Pacific time through October 31 and then the same as mountain time beginning November 1. Check visitor centers and hotels for additional program offerings.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
9:30 am	<b>Fossil Discovery Walk</b> This easy walk explores what fossils tell us about ancient life and why they should be protected.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
10:45 am	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journeys and enjoy their beauty. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus.	Yaki Point	30 minutes	√	√				√	√
1:30 pm	<b>Condor Talk</b> Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor, its reintroduction to northern Arizona, and its ongoing struggle for survival. Accessible.	Village Amphitheater	45 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon’s unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2:30 pm	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journeys and enjoy their beauty. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus.	Yaki Point	30 minutes	√	√				√	√
3:30 pm	<b>Geology Glimpse</b> Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon’s unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
4 pm	<b>Grand Canyon Stories</b> Explore the many wonders of Grand Canyon. From geology to history to ecology, the stories and views are endless during this leisurely walk along the rim. Topics Vary. Accessible.	Verkamp’s Visitor Center flagpole	45 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
7:30 pm	<b>Evening Program</b> Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park’s fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. McKee Amphitheater is accessible with assistance; Shrine of the Ages is accessible.	McKee Amphitheater Sept 8–12; Shrine of the Ages Sept 13 to Nov 30	60 minutes		√		√		√	
Evening; check visitor centers for time	<b>Ranger Rendezvous</b> Discover Grand Canyon in the evening! Explore some of the park’s lesser-known stories and facts. Programs include star talks, night hikes to the rim, cemetery tours, and more. Dress warmly.	Check visitor centers for location	60 minutes	√		√		√		√

## Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover fascinating aspects of the inner canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs. *These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

### Indian Garden

**Times vary, Saturday to Tuesday**

Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

### Phantom Ranch

**4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily**

Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available. Accessible only by hiking or a mule ride to the bottom of Grand Canyon.

# Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

## University Students

### Grand Canyon Semester

Grand Canyon National Park partners with Northern Arizona University and Prescott College to offer a unique, semester-long program. Grand Canyon Semester immerses students in a place-based learning experience using Grand Canyon as a classroom and laboratory. Classroom academics combine with field opportunities to create an unparalleled learning environment. [nau.edu/Honors/GCS/](http://nau.edu/Honors/GCS/) or [prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html](http://prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html)

## Teachers

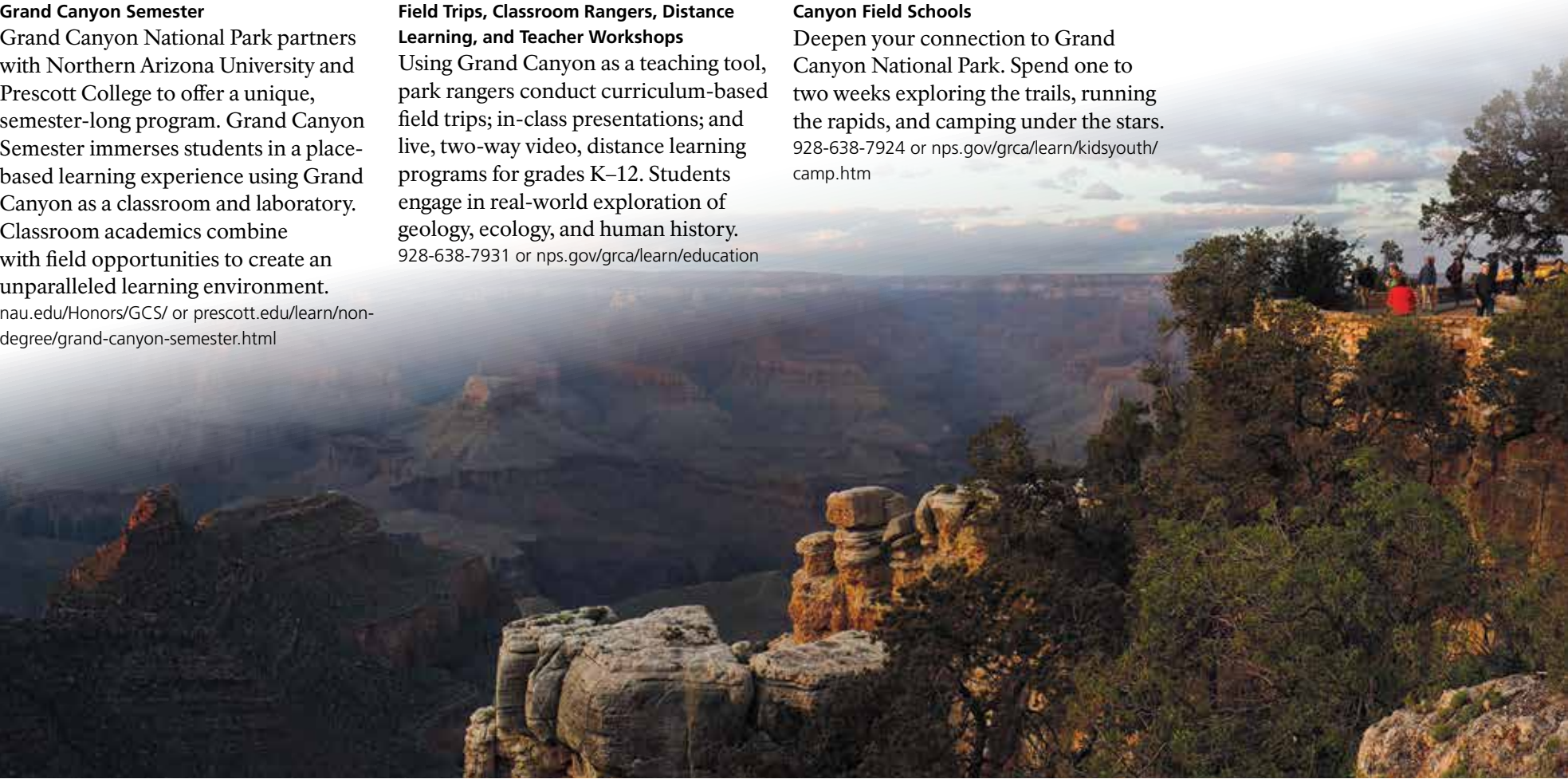
### Field Trips, Classroom Rangers, Distance Learning, and Teacher Workshops

Using Grand Canyon as a teaching tool, park rangers conduct curriculum-based field trips; in-class presentations; and live, two-way video, distance learning programs for grades K–12. Students engage in real-world exploration of geology, ecology, and human history. 928-638-7931 or [nps.gov/grca/learn/education](http://nps.gov/grca/learn/education)

## Middle and High School Youth

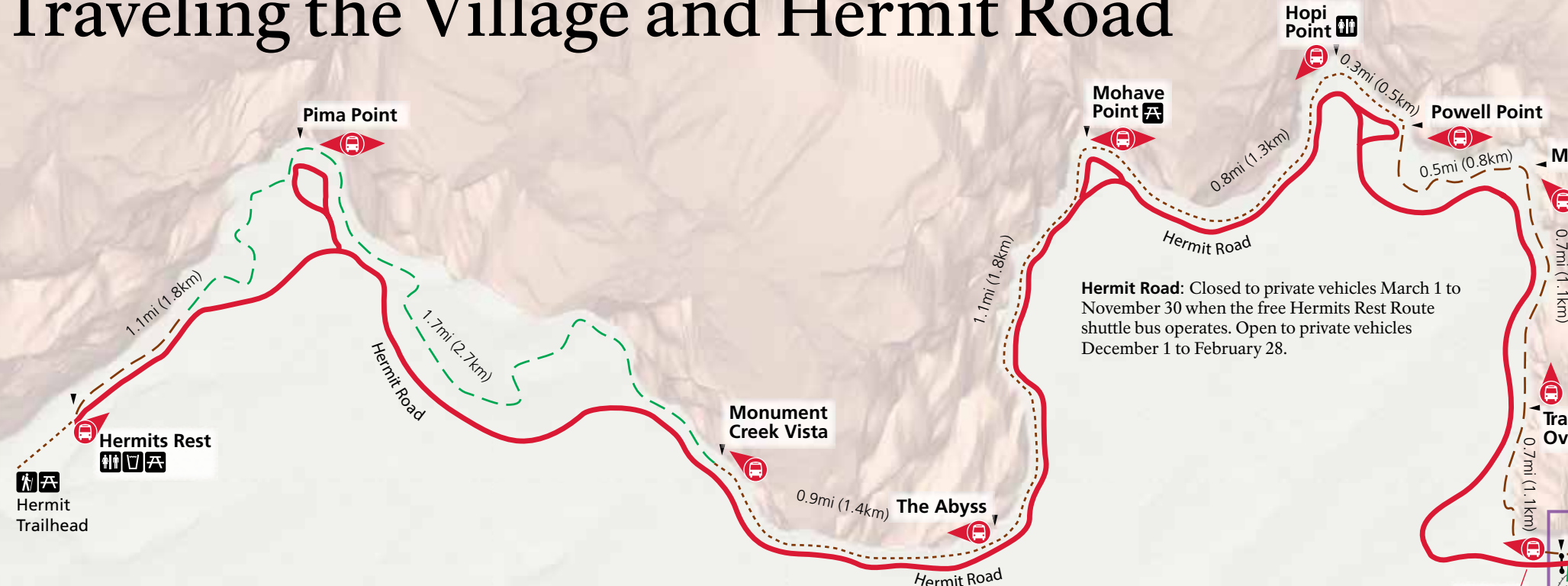
### Canyon Field Schools

Deepen your connection to Grand Canyon National Park. Spend one to two weeks exploring the trails, running the rapids, and camping under the stars. 928-638-7924 or [nps.gov/grca/learn/kidsyouth/camp.htm](http://nps.gov/grca/learn/kidsyouth/camp.htm)





# Traveling the Village and Hermit Road



## Common Shuttle Bus Questions

**Are the shuttle buses free?**  
Yes, your entrance fee includes shuttle bus transportation—a great way to start your Grand Canyon experience.

**How do the shuttle buses work?**  
Running like a city bus system, four shuttle bus routes access viewpoints, visitor centers, trails, lodges, restaurants, and gift shops. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. Shuttle buses do not drive to Desert View.

**How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?**  
The front of the free, green and white shuttle bus displays the name of the route and its color.

**Why is the shuttle bus not full?**  
To ensure room for passengers waiting at the next stops, shuttle buses do not fill at their first stop.

**What are the shuttle bus rules?**

- Enter through the front door and exit through the back door.
- No eating or open drink containers.
- No pets. Service animals permitted.
- Collapse strollers before entering the shuttle bus. No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-back carriers when seated.
- Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag alongs, baby trailers, or children's bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
- Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

**Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?**  
Shuttle buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on shuttle buses.

## Common Driving and Parking Questions

**Where can I drive my car?**  
You can drive roads indicated by a solid black line on the maps in this newspaper. Yaki Point and Hermit roads are closed to private vehicles. To reach those areas, ride the free shuttle bus.

A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. Obtain a permit at entrance gates and visitor centers.

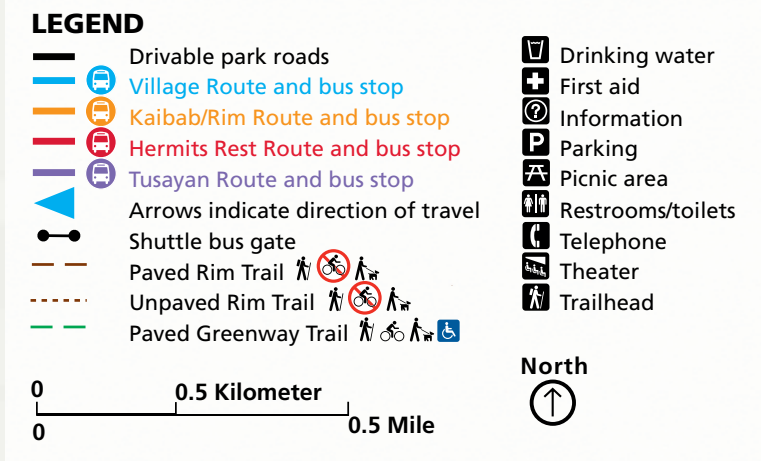
**Where can I park?**  
Lots 1–4 fill early in the day; use Lots A, B, C, and D which are located near shuttle bus stops.

- **Parking lots 1–4** Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.
- **Parking Lot A** Park Headquarters
- **Parking Lot B** Market Plaza
- **Parking Lot C** near Center Road in the Village
- **Parking Lot D** Backcountry Information Center; includes auto parking at the north end and RV and trailer parking at the south end.

**What else do I need to know about driving?**  
Do not stop in the road, block traffic, or park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is permitted. Use pull-outs to take photos. Keep a safe distance of at least 75 feet (23 m), or about six car lengths, from wildlife.

**HIKERS' EXPRESS BUS**  
Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle bus starts at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at the Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:

- 5 am, 6 am, 7 am in September
- 6 am, 7 am, 8 am in October
- 7 am, 8 am, 9 am in November



**HERMITS REST ROUTE—RED ROUTE**

- 80 minutes roundtrip
- Nine viewpoints
- Toilets at Hopi Point
- Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermits Rest
- Schedule
  - Every 30 minutes, 5–6 am
  - Every 15 minutes, 6 am to one hour after sunset
  - For last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset. See sunset times on page 2.

**VILLAGE ROUTE—BLUE ROUTE**

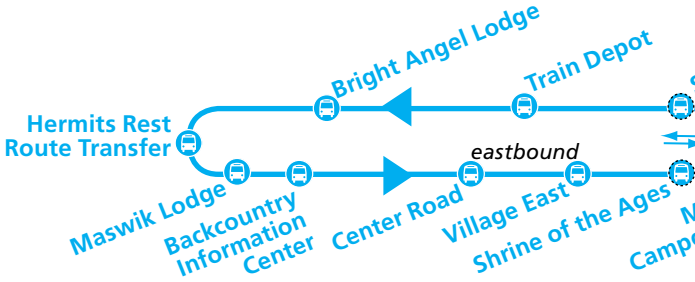
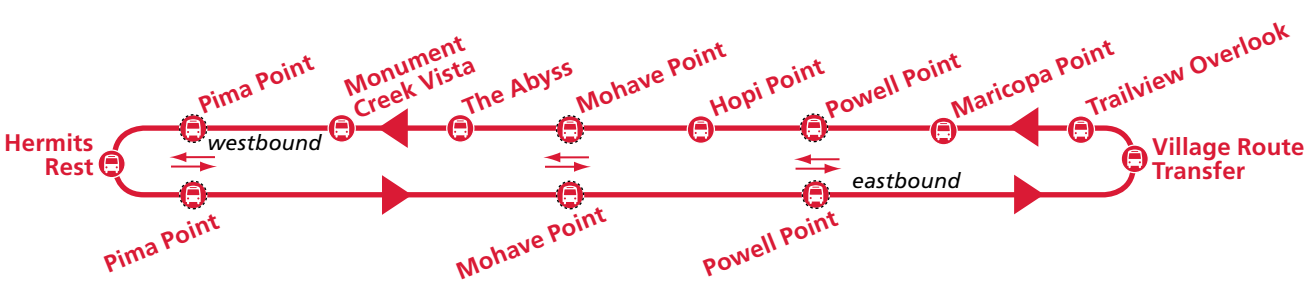
- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, and campgrounds
- Grand Canyon views are a short walk from some shuttle bus stops
- Schedule
  - Every 30 minutes, 5–6 am
  - Every 15 minutes, 6 am–7:30 pm
  - Every 30 minutes, 7:30–10 pm
  - For last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 9:30 pm.

**KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE—ORANGE ROUTE**

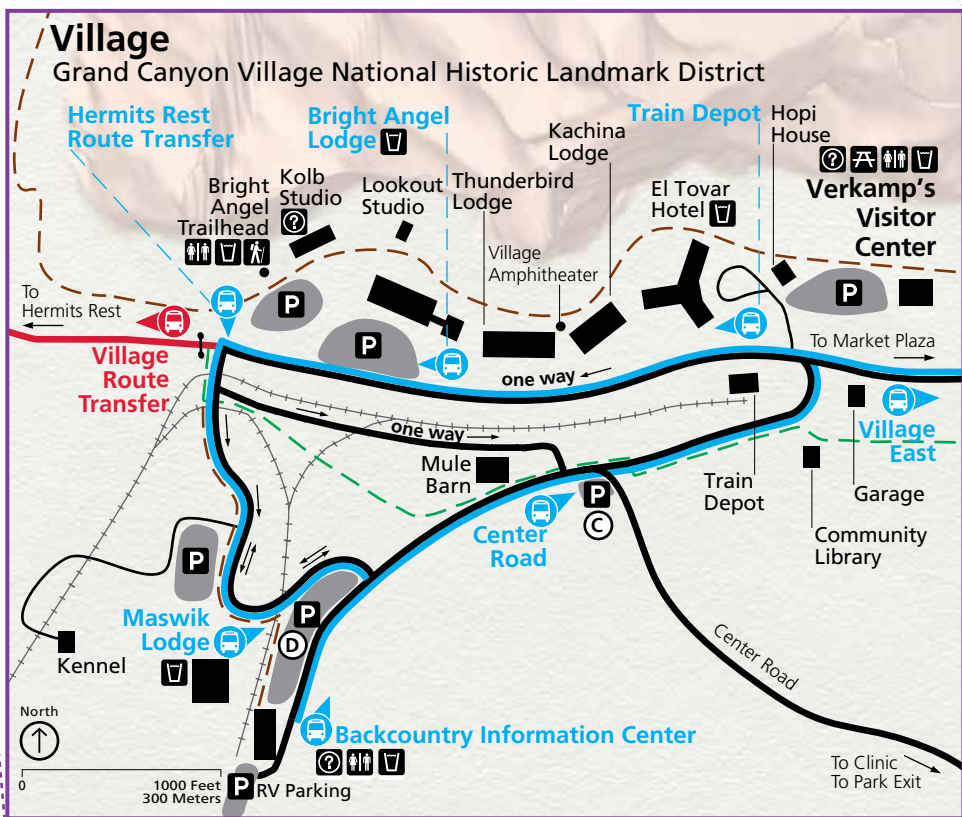
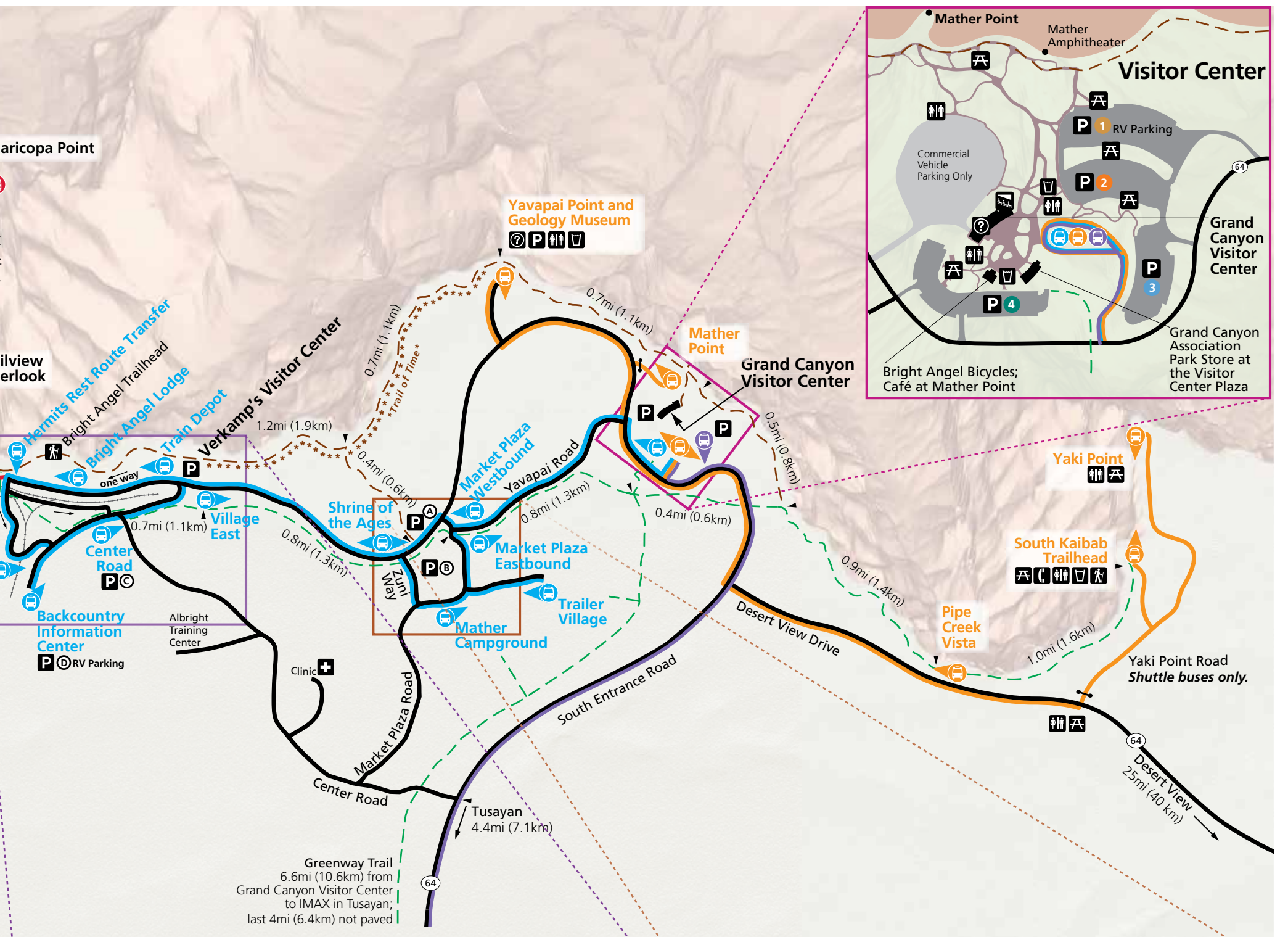
- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at several viewpoints, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Yavapai Geology Museum
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Schedule
  - Every 30 minutes, 5–6:30 am
  - Every 15 minutes, 6:30 am to one hour after sunset
  - For last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset. See sunset times on page 2.

**TUSAYAN ROUTE—PURPLE ROUTE**  
**PARK AND RIDE: WE'LL BE YOUR GUIDE**

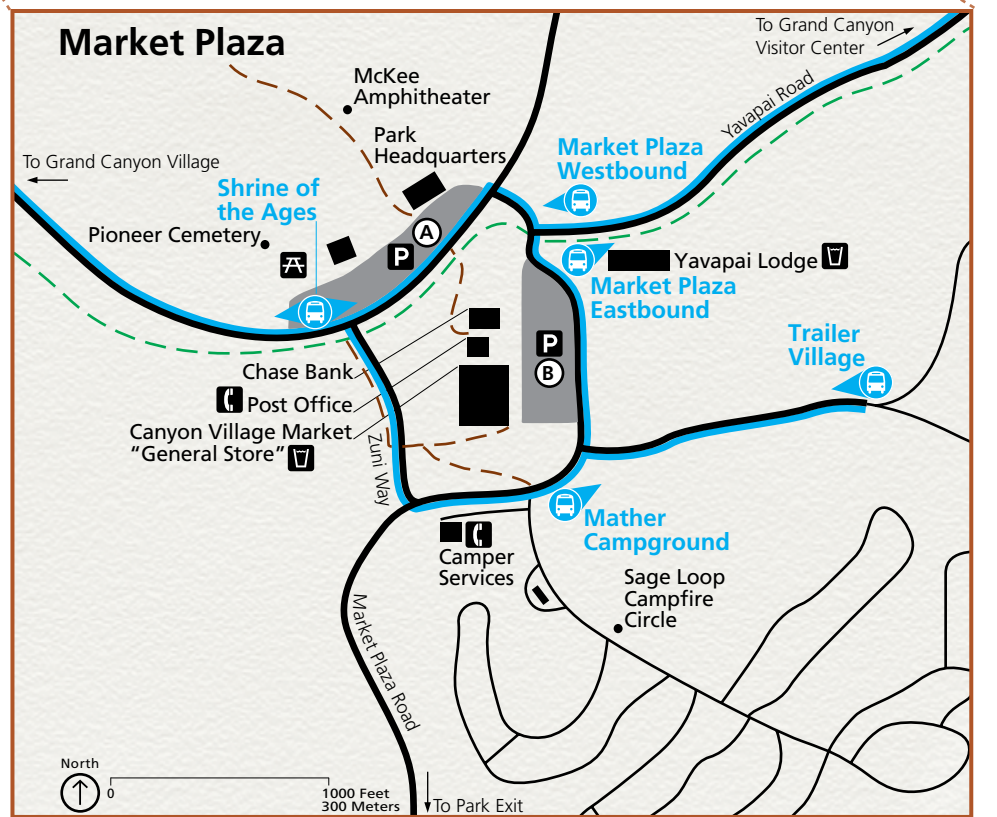
- *Runs through September 25*
- 40 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at Grand Canyon Visitor Center and four locations in Tusayan, Arizona
- Buses run every 20 minutes
  - First bus leaves IMAX at 8 am; last bus leaves at 9:45 pm
  - First bus leaves Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:25 am; last bus leaves at 9:30 pm



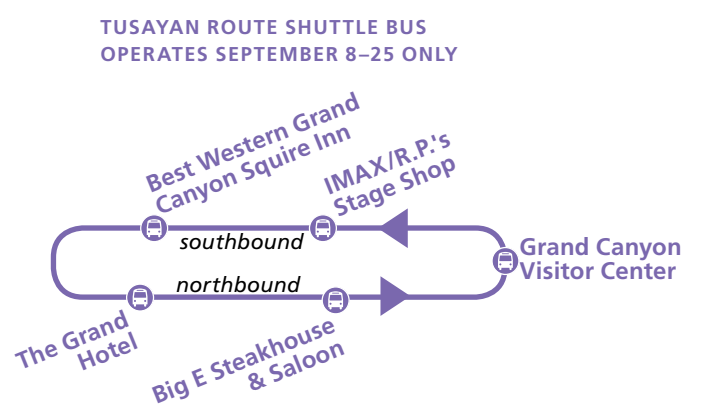
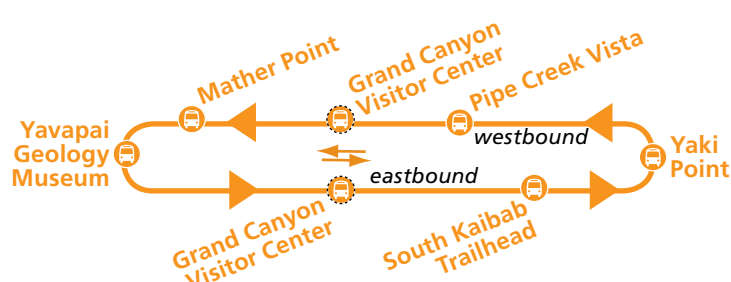
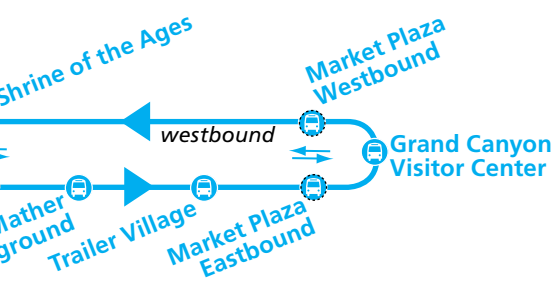




Find food, lodging, restrooms, free drinking water, gift shops, GCA Park Stores, and an ATM in the Village.



Find food, lodging, camping, restrooms, free drinking water, groceries, gift shops, and an ATM at Market Plaza.





# Protect the Park, Protect Yourself

*Please report any concerns to a park employee.*

**Elevation** Use sunblock, stay hydrated, take your time, and rest to reduce the risk of sunburn, dehydration, nausea, shortness of breath, and exhaustion. The high elevation (7,000 feet/2,135 m) and dry climate here affects you differently than your home environment.

**Weather** Autumn weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared to layer with clothing for heat, rain, wind, and even snow.

**View Grand Canyon Safely** Stay behind railings and safety walls or at least six feet (2 m) from the edge. Hold on to children. Always be aware of your surroundings. Look first where you are stepping before backing up.

**Free Drinking Water** The park and its partners provide free Grand Canyon spring water in bottle filling stations at major trailheads, visitor centers, grocery stores, and lodges.

**Bring Your Leashed Pet** Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails. Pets are not allowed below the rim, in buildings, or on shuttle buses. These limits do not apply to service animals. Anyone wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in at the Backcountry Information Center.

**Protect and Respect Wildlife** Approaching or feeding any animal is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal.

***Deer and elk:*** Keep a safe distance of at least 75 feet (23 m) or about six car lengths.

***Squirrels:*** Do not feed the squirrels. They will bite and can possibly carry fleas with the plague.

***California condor:*** Stay at least 75 feet (23 m) away from these endangered birds.

**Watch Out Below** Rocks, coins, and trash tossed over the edge of Grand Canyon, and rocks dislodged by walking off trail, can injure hikers and wildlife below.

**No Unmanned Aircraft** Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft is prohibited inside Grand Canyon National Park.

**Leave Everything You Find** Grand Canyon National Park—a World Heritage Site—belongs to everyone. Please leave rocks, plants, wood, and artifacts where you find them.

**Protect the View** The walls of Grand Canyon tell an amazing story. That story can be altered when you leave graffiti.

**Dispose of Your Litter** Help keep Grand Canyon clean by recycling and using trash receptacles.

## Visitor Services

*Locations shown on the maps on pages 4–5. Core operating hours listed below; hours may be extended.*

<b>Information: Village</b>
<b>BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER</b> 8 am–noon and 1–5 pm
<b>GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER</b> 8 am–5 pm
<b>GRAND CANYON ASSOCIATION PARK STORE AT VISITOR CENTER PLAZA</b> 8 am–7 pm
<b>KOLB STUDIO</b> 8 am–7 pm
<b>VERKAMP’S VISITOR CENTER</b> 8 am–7 pm
<b>YAVAPAI GEOLOGY MUSEUM</b> 8 am–7 pm
<b>Food and Beverage</b>
<b>BRIGHT ANGEL BICYCLES</b> <b>Café at Mather Point</b> Grab-and-go food and espresso bar. 7 am–6 pm
<b>BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE</b> <b>The Arizona Room</b> Lunch 11:30 am–3 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm, reservations not accepted; lounge 4:30–10 pm <b>Bright Angel Coffee House</b> 6–10 am <b>Bright Angel Ice Cream Fountain</b> 10 am–5 pm, weather permitting <b>Bright Angel</b> Breakfast 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm <b>Bright Angel Lounge</b> 11 am–11 pm
<b>CANYON VILLAGE MARKET</b> <b>Canyon Village Deli</b> 8 am–6 pm
<b>EL TOVAR HOTEL</b> <b>El Tovar</b> Breakfast 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–2 pm; dinner 5–10 pm, reservations recommended, 928-638-2631, ext. 6432 <b>El Tovar Lounge</b> 11 am–11 pm
<b>HERMITS REST</b> <b>Hermits Rest Snack Bar</b> 9 am–5 pm
<b>MASWIK LODGE</b> <b>Maswik Food Court</b> 6 am–10 pm <b>Maswik Pizza Pub</b> 11 am–11 pm
<b>YAVAPAI LODGE</b> <b>Yavapai Restaurant</b> 6:30 am–9 pm <b>Yavapai Tavern</b> 11 am–10 pm <b>Yavapai Coffee Shop</b> 6 am–9 pm

<b>Services</b>
<b>ATM</b> Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge
<b>Canyon Village Market</b> " General Store " Groceries, supplies, and gifts. 8 am–7 pm
<b>Chase Bank</b> Monday to Thursday 9 am–5 pm; Friday 9 am–6 pm. 928-638-2437
<b>Garage</b> Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. 928-638-2631
<b>Kaibab Learning Center</b> Day care for one to 12 year olds; immunization records required. Monday to Friday, 7:30 am–5:30 pm. 928-638-6333
<b>Kennel</b> Dogs and cats need proof of vaccinations. 7:30 am–5 pm, 928-638-0534 For retrieval after 5 pm: 928-638-2631
<b>Lost and Found</b> 928-638-7798; 928-638-2631
<b>Post Office</b> Monday to Friday 9 am–4:30 pm; closed Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays. 928-638-2512
<b>Religious Services</b> See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, Grand Canyon Post Office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Park Headquarters
<b>Taxi</b> Service in Village and Tusayan. 928-638-2822
<b>WiFi and Public Computer Access</b> <i><b>Park Headquarters:</b></i> Free WiFi 8 am–5 pm, daily. Computers available in research library 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except federal holidays <i><b>Community Library:</b></i> Free WiFi and computers available, 10:30 am–5 pm, Monday to Saturday <i><b>Hotel Lobbies:</b></i> WiFi available 24 hours a day; fees may be charged <i><b>Canyon Village Market:</b></i> WiFi; 8 am–7 pm

<b>Lodging</b>
<b>Bright Angel Lodge, El Tovar Hotel, Kachina Lodge, Maswik Lodge, and Thunderbird Lodge</b> Prices range from \$100–489; same-day reservations: 928-638-2631; advance reservations: 888-297-2757 or grandcanyonlodges.com <b>Yavapai Lodge</b> prices range from \$89–182; reservations: 877-404-4611 or visitgrandcanyon.com <b>Phantom Ranch</b> Meals, hiker dormitory, and cabin space located at bottom of the canyon. Next-day reservations: 928-638-3283; advance reservations: 888-297-2757

<b>Camping</b>
<b>Mather Campground (National Park Service)</b> \$18 per night family site; \$50 per night group site; \$25 per night horse site. No hook-ups; dump station nearby. Maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m). Reservations: recreation.gov or 877-444-6777.

<b>Trailer Village</b>
\$36 per night for two people; \$3.50 for each additional person over age 16. Pull-through sites with hookups; dump station nearby. Kiosk: 8 am–5 pm; same-day reservations: 928-638-1006; advance reservations: 877-404-4611 or visitgrandcanyon.com.

<b>Laundry and Showers at Camper Services</b>
8 am–6 pm, last laundry wash 4:45 pm

<b>Books and Gifts</b>
<b>Bright Angel Lodge</b> 7 am–10 pm <b>El Tovar Hotel</b> 7 am–10 pm <b>Grand Canyon Association Park Stores</b> at <b>Kolb Studio</b> 8 am–7 pm at <b>Verkamp’s Visitor Center</b> 8 am–7 pm at <b>Visitor Center Plaza</b> 8 am–7 pm at <b>Yavapai Geology Museum</b> 8 am–7 pm <b>Hermits Rest Gift Shop</b> 9 am–5 pm <b>Hopi House</b> 9 am–5 pm <b>Lookout Studio</b> 9 am–5 pm <b>Maswik Lodge</b> 7 am–10 pm <b>Yavapai Gift Shop</b> 8 am–8 pm

<b>Tours and Trips</b>
<b>Bright Angel Bicycles</b> Bicycle, wheelchair, and stroller rentals, guided tours daily, and repair/parts. 9 am–5 pm through October 31. Reservations: 928-638-3055 or bikegrandcanyon.com

<b>Xanterra Transportation Desks</b> Arrange tours and trips at Bright Angel Lodge 6 am–6:30 pm; El Tovar Hotel concierge desk 7 am–9 pm; Maswik Lodge 6 am–6:30 pm
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<b>Xanterra Bus Tours</b> Daily departures for sunrise and sunset viewing and to Desert View Watchtower and Hermits Rest. Reserve at El Tovar Hotel concierge desk or Bright Angel Lodge or Maswik Lodge transportation desks, 928-638-2631, or grandcanyonlodges.com
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<b>Xanterra Mule Trips</b> Overnight trips to Phantom Ranch depart daily; two night trips start November 1. A two-hour Canyon Vista ride along the rim departs twice daily. Inquire at Bright Angel Lodge or Maswik Lodge transportation desks or call 928-638-3283.
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<b>River Rafting</b>
<b>SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS</b>
<b>OUTSIDE THE PARK</b> <b>Colorado River Discovery</b> 888-522-6644 or raftthecanyon.com

<b>WHITEWATER RAFT TRIPS</b>
<b>INSIDE THE PARK</b> nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/whitewater-rafting.htm

<b>Additional Resources</b>
<b>Arizona Highway Information</b> Dial 511 or 888-411-ROAD or visit az511.gov

<b>Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce</b> 844-638-2901, grandcanyoncvb.org
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<b>Kaibab National Forest</b> Tusayan Ranger District ranger station, 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, 928-638-2443
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# Day Hikes Below the Rim

A day hike into Grand Canyon affords an unparalleled experience. Knowledge, preparation, and a good plan are all keys to success. Consider purchasing a trail guide at a GCA Park Store before venturing down the trail. Gauge your fitness level, be honest about your health, and don't compare yourself to five years ago. Know your limits and avoid spontaneity—Grand Canyon is an extreme environment!

Park rangers say "going down is optional, but coming up is mandatory." Plan to take twice as long to hike up as it took to hike down. *Stay together, follow your plan, and know where and how to seek help.*

### Backcountry Camping Permits

You must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center to camp anywhere in the park other than in a developed campground on the South Rim. A limited number of last minute walk-up permits are available.

For additional information about day and overnight hiking, visit the Backcountry Information Center or [nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm](https://nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm).



Trail	Destination	Distance Roundtrip	Difficulty	Elevation Change From the Rim	Time Roundtrip	Facilities
<b>Bright Angel Trail:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Follows Bright Angel Fault down Garden Creek Canyon on a well-maintained trail</li><li>Ride <a href="#">Village Route</a> shuttle bus to trailhead</li><li>Water, toilets, and emergency telephone available at trailhead</li><li>Water not always available at Indian Garden and resthouses due to pipeline breaks or repair work—check at Backcountry Information Center before descending</li><li>Seasonal water is usually turned off in October</li><li><b><i>Always bring a method to treat water</i></b></li></ul>	Upper Tunnel	0.4 miles (0.6 km)	easy	60 feet (20 m)	20 minutes	none
	Lower Tunnel	1.7 miles (2.8 km)	moderate	590 feet (180 m)	1–2 hours	none
	1½-Mile Resthouse	3 miles (4.8 km)	moderate	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	seasonal water, toilets, emergency phone
	3-Mile Resthouse	6 miles (9.6 km)	difficult	2,120 feet (645 m)	4–6 hours	seasonal water, toilets, emergency phone
	Indian Garden	9 miles (14.4 km)	very difficult	3,040 feet (925 m)	6–9 hours	water, toilets, ranger station, camping, emergency phone
	Plateau Point	12 miles (19.3 km)	very difficult	3,080 feet (940 m)	9–12 hours	seasonal water
<b>South Kaibab Trail:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Follows an exposed ridge line on a well-maintained trail; best views during a relatively short hike</li><li>Ride the <a href="#">Kaibab/Rim Route</a> or Hikers' Express shuttle bus to trailhead</li><li>Water, toilets, and pay phone located at trailhead</li></ul>	Ooh Aah Point	1.8 miles (2.9 km)	moderate	760 feet (230 m)	1–2 hours	none
	Cedar Ridge	3 miles (4.8 km)	difficult	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	toilets
	Skeleton Point	6 miles (9.6 km)	very difficult; very hot	2,040 feet (620 m)	4–6 hours	none
<b>Hermit Trail and Dripping Spring Trail:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Offers intimate views of a long side canyon</li><li>Rough and unmaintained—for experienced desert hikers only</li><li>Begins west of Hermits Rest; ride the <a href="#">Hermits Rest Route</a> shuttle bus to Hermits Rest</li><li>Water and toilets available at Hermits Rest</li></ul>	Hermit Basin	2.8 miles (4.5 km)	difficult	1,240 feet (380 m)	2–4 hours	none
	Santa Maria Spring	5 miles (8 km)	very difficult	1,680 feet (510 m)	4–6 hours	must treat water
	Dripping Spring	7 miles (11.3 km)	very difficult	1,040 feet (315 m)	5–7 hours	must treat water

### 9 Essentials for Your Day Pack

**Water** At least two liters of water depending on hike intensity and duration. Eat and drink while resting; sip fluids while hiking. Always bring a method to treat water.

**Food** Salty snacks and a full meal. Eat often, even if you are not hungry. Snack every time you hydrate.

**First Aid Kit and Survival Tools** Also include medications, blister care, and duct tape.

**Map** Know your route. Many trails are well marked, but some are not.

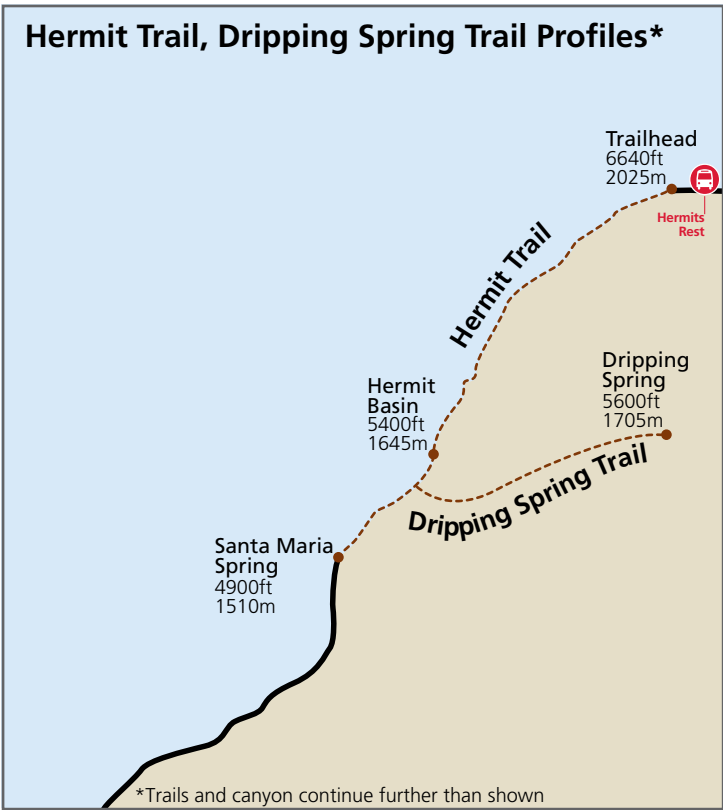
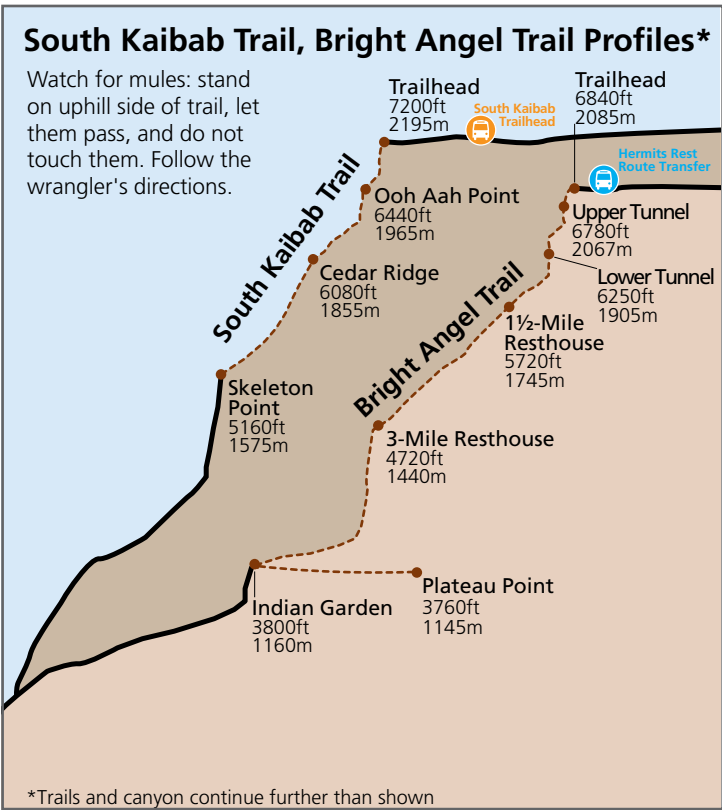
**Flashlight or Headlamp** You may end up hiking in the dark unexpectedly; cell phones do not provide adequate light.

**Sun Protection** Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and a sun umbrella.

**Communication** Whistle or signal mirror; while cell phones are not reliable, they may be helpful.

**Simple Shelters** Emergency tarp with reflective side.

**Weather-appropriate Clothing and Footwear** Layer for the weather, protect yourself from the sun, and wear hiking boots with good soles. Remember the weather can change suddenly.



### 4 Dangerous Health Risks

**Common Challenges** Any activity at high elevation and in a dry environment can bring your body past its limits, exacerbate medical conditions or current illnesses, and harm you due to a lack of regular exercise.

**Over Exertion** When looking from the rim into Grand Canyon everything looks close—but it is not! Know your limits, pace yourself, and take a 5- to 10-minute break every hour. If you are not feeling well, rest at least 30 minutes. Turn around on your hike before you feel tired.

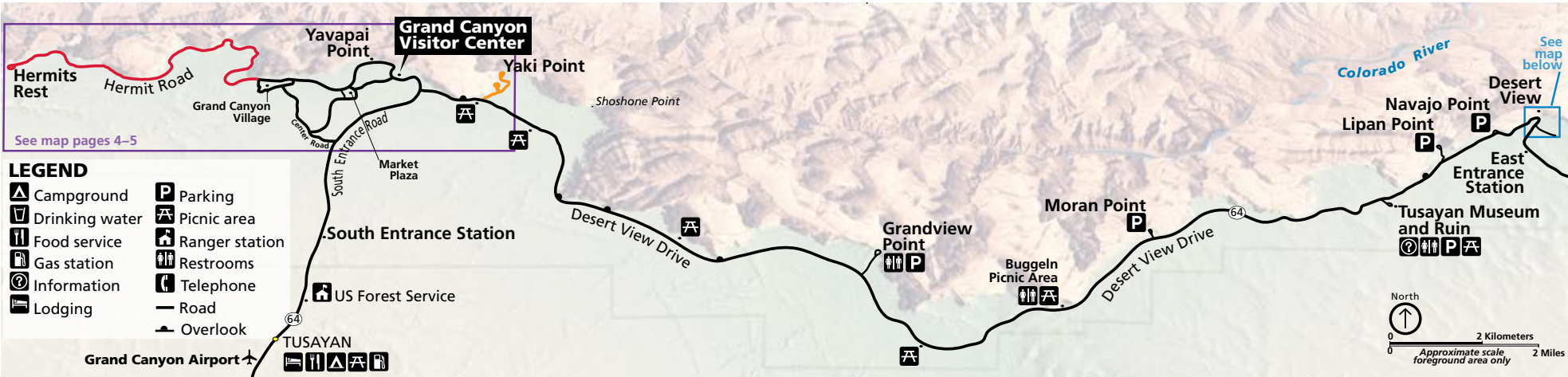
**Heat-related Illnesses** Beware of over-exposure to hot, dry weather. Rest in the shade, hydrate, and eat high-energy foods. *If the weather is still hot, start and finish your hike before 10 am or after 4 pm. Do not hike during the heat of the day.*

**Hyponatremia** This common hiking illness occurs from overhydration and low salt ingestion during a strenuous hike—a deadly condition if ignored. Balance hydration with salty snacks, eat a well-rounded lunch, and rest frequently.

### Warning!

- Hiking to the river and back in one day is not recommended due to long distances, extreme temperature changes, and a near 5,000-foot (1,500 m) elevation change each way. If you think you have the fitness and experience to attempt this *extremely strenuous* hike, please seek the advice of a park ranger at the Backcountry Information Center.
- The Colorado River is fast, wide, and a cold 46°F (8°C) year-round. Do not swim in the river—you will perish!





# Desert View

Core operating hours listed; hours may be extended.

## Information

**DESERT VIEW WATCHTOWER**  
Sept 8 to Oct 14, 8 am–6 pm; Oct 15 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm. *Stairs close 30 minutes before the building.*

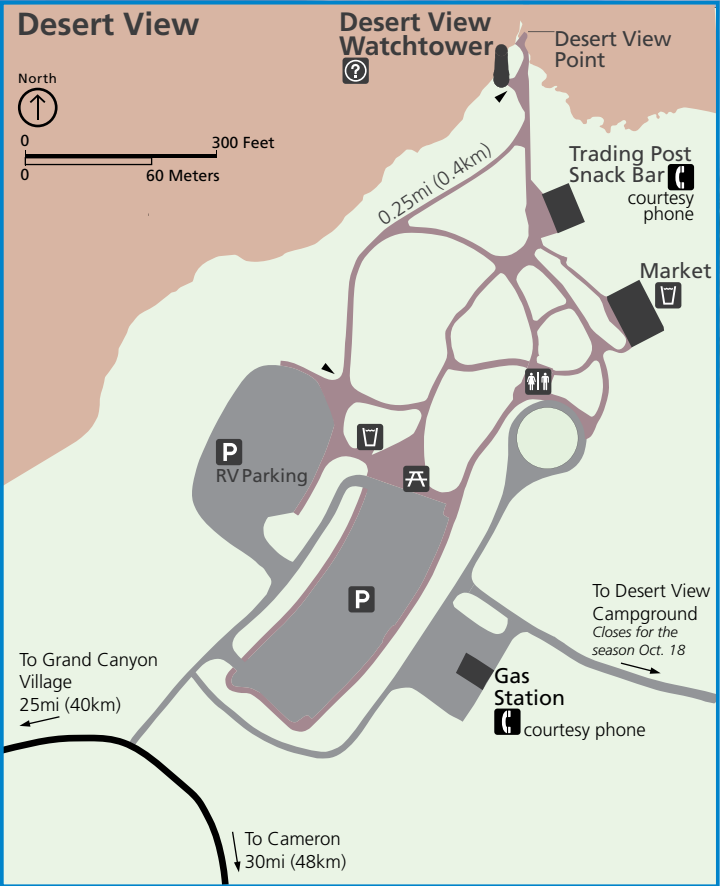
**TUSAYAN MUSEUM AND RUIN**  
9 am–5 pm as staffing allows; *ruins open during daylight hours*

**Books and Gifts**  
**Desert View Trading Post** 9 am–5 pm  
**Grand Canyon Association Park Stores**  
**Desert View Watchtower** Sept 8 to Oct 14, 8 am–6 pm; Oct 15 to Nov 30, 9 am–5 pm  
**Tusayan Museum and Ruin** 9 am–5 pm as staffing allows

**Food and Beverage**  
**Desert View Snack Bar** 9 am–4 pm; located in Desert View Trading Post

**Services**  
**Desert View Market** 8 am–5 pm  
**Desert View Service Station** 9 am–5 pm through late October; fuel, including diesel, available 24 hours a day with credit card

**Camping**  
**Desert View Campground (National Park Service)** \$12 per night; no hookups; maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m); first-come, first-served self registration. Closes October 18 and reopens in May 2016.



# Walk the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail stretches from South Kaibab Trailhead to Hermits Rest. It offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon, shown by brown and green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Choose your adventure, from a short sunrise walk

to a full afternoon hike. The Rim Trail is wheelchair-accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Ride the free shuttle bus and add variety into your Rim Trail adventure by walking one way and riding back. Distances below are one way.

Difficulty	Start	Finish	Distance	Attraction
<b>Easy, popular</b> Wide, paved trail; accessible for strollers and wheelchairs with assistance	Mather Point	Yavapai Point	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	View of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch
	Yavapai Geology Museum	Verkamp's Visitor Center	1.3 miles (2.1 km)	Touch rocks from all of Grand Canyon's layers along the award-winning Trail of Time
	Verkamp's Visitor Center	Kolb Studio	0.6 miles (1 km)	Explore local history in the village historic district
<b>Easy, Less Traveled</b> Little elevation gain	South Kaibab Trailhead	Mather Point	2.1 miles (3.4 km)	Great views of a trail going down into Grand Canyon; paved
	Monument Creek Vista	Hermits Rest	2.8 miles (4.5 km)	Quiet and less crowded with forest and canyon views; paved
	Hopi Point	Powell Point	0.3 miles (0.5 km)	Expansive east and west views of Grand Canyon; unpaved
<b>Moderate</b> Some elevation gain and/or rough terrain	Mohave Point	Monument Creek Vista	2.0 miles (3.2 km)	Unpaved trail with great views
	Hermits Rest Route Transfer	Trailview Overlook	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	Views of the Village and Bright Angel Trail; paved, steep grade

# Pedaling the Park

Bicycle along the canyon rim and through peaceful forest scenery by following the green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Bicycles are only permitted on the Greenway Trail, paved roads, and dirt roads open to vehicles. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and trails down into Grand Canyon.

Consider riding your bicycle one way and riding the shuttle bus to return. Obey all traffic regulations, ride single file with the flow of traffic, and wear bright colors and a helmet. *On Yaki Point and Hermit roads, bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when a shuttle bus passes.*



Elk and deer can be especially aggressive in fall and will defend their territory. Keep a safe distance of 100 feet (30 m) and help keep wildlife wild.